

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A filtration media for drinking water comprising:
metal oxide nanocrystals; and
a polymeric binder.
 2. The filtration media of claim 1, further comprising activated carbon.
 - 2.1. The filtration media of claim 1, wherein the nanocrystals are present in an amount ranging from about 0.1 to about 10 wt%, based upon the total weight of the filtration media.
 - 3.1. The filtration media of claim 1, wherein the metal oxide is selected from the group consisting of titanium oxide, zinc oxide, and mixtures thereof.
 - 4.1. The filtration media of claim 1, further comprising zirconia.
 - 5.1. The filtration media of claim 1, wherein the nanocrystals have an average particle size ranging from about 20 nm to about 1000 nm.
 - 6.1. The filtration media of claim 1, wherein the polymeric binder is selected from the group consisting of high-density polyethylene and low-density polyethylene.
 - 7.1. The filtration media of claim 1, wherein the polymeric binder is high-density polyethylene.
 9. A filtration media in the form of a block, comprising:
nanocrystals of zinc oxide or titanium oxide or a mixture thereof in an amount of about 0.5 wt%, based on the total weight of the filtration media;
activated carbon;
a polymeric binder.

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~~Filtration media
with organic binder will
be added to polymer
filtration media
under range~~

15. The filtration media of claim 14, wherein the weight ratio of nanocrystals to polymeric binder ranged between about 20:1 and about 10:1